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Work programme on shipping: specific outputs and activities

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

At its 4th meeting, on 6 November 1992, the Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors (Shipping) decided "that the UNCTAD secretariat shall provide to the Trade and Development Board, through its President, before 31 January 1993, a list of specific outputs and activities, as well as the estimated dates of completion of work for each of the elements of the work programme."1/

At the request of the President of the Trade and Development Board, the attached note is circulated to the States members of the Board.

1/ Report of the Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors (Shipping) on its first session (TD/B/39(2)/5), annex II.

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Pursuant to the decision taken by the Standing Committee on Services (Shipping), the secretariat has prepared the following list of elements covering the period 1993 to 1995, taking into account the approval of the Standing Committee (Shipping) to hold its second and third sessions, respectively, in early 1994 and late 1995, the decision on the exact dates being referred to the Group on Calendar Matters.

Given that exact dates are not yet known and that other expected meetings have not yet been discussed and approved, information can only be provided on a quarterly basis for reference, but it should be noted that sessional documents should be submitted 3 months prior to any meeting. Outputs and activities listed below are derived from the work programme established by the Standing Committee on 6 November 1992 and were reflected in the proposals for the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

1. Substantive services/meetings[2/]

1993 - United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries on a draft Covention on Maritime Liens and Mortgages, 19 April to 7 May 1993;
- Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Ports, 25 to 29 October 1993.
1994 - Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors : Shipping, second session, (I) 1994;
- Joint UNCTAD/IMO Intergovernmental Group of Experts for amending the 1952 Convention on Arrest of Ships, (II) 1994;
- Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Multimodal Transport, (III) 1994;
1995 - Shipping Policy Forum on Privatization/Commercialization of Shipping, (I) 1995;
- Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Ports, (III) 1995;
- Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors : Shipping, third session, (IV) 1995.

2. Outputs: Reports/studies on:

(a) Sessional documents

1993 - Rules of procedure for the United Nations Plenipotentiaries Conference (I) 1993;
- Compilation of comments and proposals by governments, IGO and NGOs on the draft Convention (I) 1993;
- Review of activities in the field of ports, (III) 1993;
1994 - Liberalization of trade in shipping services - impact on developing countries, (I) 1994;
- Review of the activities of the secretariat in the fields of multimodal transport, maritime legislation, technical assistance and human resources development, (I) 1994;
- Review of activities in the field of multimodal transport, technological development and containerization, (II) 1994;
1995 - Review of activities in the field of ports, (II) 1995;
- Comparative analysis of national shipping policies, including policies on privatization of shipping services, (III) 1995;
- Review of activities in the fields of maritime legislation, technical assistance and human resources development, (III) 1995.

2/ Roman numerals refer to quarters of the year.

(b) Background documents

1993 - Development of human resources in the field of ports (I) 1993);
- Legal and regulatory aspects of port activities (I) 1993;
- Strategic port planning (II) 1993;
- Impact of mega multimodal transport operators (II) 1993;
- Ship acquisition pre-feasibility study (IV) 1993;
- ECDC in Shipping (IV) 1993;
- Sustainable development of ports (IV) 1993;
- Developments in containerization and related transport technologies (IV) 1993;
- Completion of the work on general average (IV) 1993;
- Implementation of the TRAINMAR Action Plan (IV) 1993;

1994 - The impact of commercialization/privatization programmes on the development of shipping services, (I) 1994;
- Multimodal transport and trading opportunities, (II) 1994;
- Comparative analysis of privatization, commercialization and deregulation in the ports field, (III) 1994;
- Strategic port pricing, (III) 1994;
- Implementation of the 1978 United Nations Convention on the Carriage of Goods by Sea (Hamburg Rules), (IV) 1994;
- Ship acquisition pre-feasibility study, (IV) 1994:

1995 - Developments in shipper/ocean carrier relations, (I) 1995;
- Potentialities for increased regional co-operation in the ports field, (II) 1995;
- Financial aspects of ports management, (II) 1995;
- New developments in ship financing, (III) 1995;
- ECDC: Institutional and policy changes and their results, (III) 1995;
- Legal aspects of ship leasing in developing countries, (IV) 1995;
- Ship acquisition pre-feasibility study (IV) 1995.

(c) Recurrent publications

Annual Review of Maritime Transport, (III) for each year.

(d) Technical material

- The UNCTAD Ports Newsletter, (II and IV) for each year;
- The UNCTAD Multimodal Transport Newsletter, (III) for each year;
- The TRAINMAR Newsletter, quarterly, in each year;
- The TRAINMAR Catalogue, (III) for each year;
- The TRAINMAR network report, (IV) for each year.

1993 - Monograph on computerized container terminal management (I) 1993;
- Monograph on EDI in ports (II) 1993;
- 2 sets of Improving Port Performance (IPP) courses on port commercialization and pricing (II and IV) 1993;

1994 - Course material for a workshop for potential multimodal transport operators, (I) 1994;
- Educational programme on charter parties, (I) 1994;
- 2 sets of Improving Port Performance (IPP) courses on human resources development and strategic planning, (II and IV) 1994;
- 2 Monographs (II and IV) for 1994;

1995 - 2 sets of IPP courses on port computerization/EDI and port marketing, (II) and IV) 1995;
- 2 Monographs (II and IV) for 1995;
- Multiship Model II, Version 7 (Computer software), (IV) 1995;

Operational activities including advisory services, group training and field projects will be extended upon request by governments.